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TITLE: System for marketing foods and services utilizing computerized central and remote facilities

DATE-ISSUED: April 25, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: June 21, 1996

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/268,309, filed Jun. 29, 1994, now abandoned which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08/264,184, filed Jun. 22, 1994, now abandoned which in turn was a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/051,743, filed Apr. 22, 1993 now abandoned. Application Ser. No. 08/051,743 was itself a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 07/855,099, filed Mar. 20, 1992, now abandoned all of which are incorporated herein by reference. The application herein is copending with Ser. No. 08/650,834, filed May 20, 1996 pending which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/268,309, filed Jun. 29, 1994 now abandoned.

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 705/10, 705/26-28, 705/35, 705/37, 379/93.01, 379/93.06, 345/329-332, 395/200.3

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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ART-UNIT: 275

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ABSTRACT:

A system for shopping for goods and services includes central communications facilities and remote communications facilities connected by communications links and permitting data communications between them. Central communications facilities offer goods and services in competition with each other. Each central communications facility stores, in addition to data, graphics in the form of video, and audio in the form of computerized voice and music. Computer input devices at each remote communications facility permit customers to access the data, graphics and audio. Computers at each remote communications facility also enable that facility to receive and download the data, graphics, and audio. Each remote communications facility is adapted to enable a customer, after viewing the data, graphics, and audio, to electronically negotiate a price for the purchase of the goods and services. Each central communications facility can generate and transmit to the remote facility transaction specific paperwork relative to the price so negotiated.

5 Claims, 1 Drawing figures

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TITLE: System for marketing foods and services utilizing computerized central and remote facilities

Abstract Text (1):

A system for shopping for goods and services includes central communications facilities and remote communications facilities connected by communications links and permitting data communications between them. Central communications facilities offer goods and services in competition with each other. Each central communications facility stores, in addition to data, graphics in the form of video, and audio in the form of computerized voice and music. Computer input devices at each remote communications facility permit customers to access the data, graphics and audio. Computers at each remote communications facility also enable that facility to receive and download the data, graphics, and audio. Each remote communications facility is adapted to enable a customer, after viewing the data, graphics, and audio, to electronically negotiate a price for the purchase of the goods and services. Each central communications facility can generate and transmit to the remote facility transaction specific paperwork relative to the price so negotiated.

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Brief Summary Text (15):

Another remote transaction system disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,845,636 to Walker provides a transaction booth located remotely from an operations center for facilitating a transaction such as the renting of an automobile. The booth and center were connected by audio and video equipment used for transmitting audio and video signals from the customer in the booth to the agent at the operations center in order to negotiate a transaction. The customer in this instance knew what he wanted. He was not shopping, but merely seeking to effect a predetermined transaction.

Brief Summary Text (21):

Another object of the invention is to facilitate transactions by customers at remote locations, for instance, car, truck, boat and motorcycle dealerships, department stores, public locations such as shopping malls, auction houses, airports, grocery stores, and real estate offices.

Brief Summary Text (50):

This invention provides a system where customers can shop for homes and obtain financing all in one place, computer stores, homes, factories, office buildings, and from all public and private locations from which a consumer or customers want to obtain product information or perform a transaction.

Brief Summary Text (53):

A number of terminals can be grouped to form an electronic shopping store permitting the customer to obtain desired information on the products of his choice while having access to highly knowledgeable representatives and can also record, print or otherwise, selected information for their later review. For this purpose the customer's monitor can display a tool or icon they will use to control the information to be recorded. Remote facilities can even be portable so that for example they can be used at trade shows such as car shows permitting attendees to obtain more specific information about the products they desire and to execute their purchase and obtain financing. The customer is to communicate with central

facilities or locations comprising banks, credit unions and finance companies, a service company representing such companies, manufacturer's offices, or in general any location from which a customer might wish assistance in facilitating a transaction. The method by which the transactions are facilitated reduces the costs associated with creating, marketing, administering, and selling these products and services, thereby making them more cost effective and affordable.

Brief Summary Text (59):

The present invention in utilizing an electronic version of a Yellow Pages has deviated from the prior art in modifying these types of systems to fit with existing shopping patterns of the public. Rather than requiring the public to change their method of shopping for goods and services as the prior art requires, the present invention has adapted to existing modes of shopping. The present invention has anticipated that the public's learned behavior is difficult to break and so has provided that the customer can shop according to existing patterns permitting them to shop by manufacturer, product, or marketer as one might if they were previously shopping for say a tire. In that event a customer can locate that specific tire either by its model name, its manufacturer, or the marketer through which he intends to purchase it. This approach is akin to a customer shopping through the White or Yellow Pages or by store or in a mall.

Brief Summary Text (60):

Additionally customers can just browse through a selection of goods and services as though they were window shopping. To accomplish this the system can present a collection of products for those customers who do not have any specific need but are rather shopping as entertainment. This might include a group of unique products offered at special prices or terms. These could include limited edition merchandise or closeouts. As demonstrated, rather than requiring the public to adapt itself to a new method as did the prior art, this system has adapted itself to the public and current shopping behaviors.

Detailed Description Text (6):

For an application of this system in homes the input device could be a television remote control device perhaps with alterations comprising cursor movement keys, a joystick, or a microphone for voice input. In recording this product information the customer can then save or take the desired information with him for his later review which might comprise instructions for use, operation, or assembly and can include a list of suggested products or services as advised by the live representative or by the central facility computer. Such information might be recorded on paper, magnetically such as upon a cassette, video tape, computer disc, CD, or a chip embedded or smart card, or by some other means. Comparably the central facility can record the transaction for later retrieval so the customer can continue where he left off at a later date should his interest renew or for identification purposes or for possible assistance in resolving disputes. Other means to verify identification of the customer can be used comprising magnetically encoded badges or cards, or the use of eye or finger scanning devices. Additionally, a mail bag 28 or other means for remitting payment or documents is provided at the remote facility 14.

Detailed Description Text (31):

Another embodiment provides for team shopping permitting a group customers at the same or different locations to view the same presentation simultaneously under the control of one of the customers as they speak with each other. In this instance a customer at the same or different remote location will assume control of the input device for one or more different customers. Control of the system can alternate between the individuals so that at times a first customer can control the presentation while at another time a second or other customer can assume control. The selected information will be presented to each shopper in the party though they can be at different customer locations. In this way each person in the group can share with the others products they find interesting. At the same time they can all engage in a group conversation or perhaps video conference so each can hear the other as they review the presentations together.

Detailed Description Text (32):

The advantage of this approach is that historically electronic systems have failed to captivate certain segments of the population such as females. Part of the problem is that the act of using such a system has to this point been a solitary activity. While some customers can be content using the system by themselves, others are more group oriented and prefer social contact. For example, while some people (perhaps men) will be more inclined to visit a store or go shopping by themselves, others

(perhaps women) are more likely to be accompanied by a friend. This embodiment of the system then recognizes these differences between customers and allows those who are more group oriented to use the system in a way they are comfortable with.

Detailed Description Text (33):

Another use of the system is to create electronic cities. Here the system creates a tour to guide electronic tourists through a selected city showing important points of interest as presented by an electronic version of a tour guide with verbal narration. Customers are allowed to browse and shop on their own at anytime. Using the system in this way customers are able to electronically sightsee and shop at a selection of cities within their country and internationally. The ability to tie in the flavor and charm of a city or country with its products should greatly encourage customers to shop and make the customer's experience fascinating. Cities and countries could introduce themselves in a positive way and encourage tourism. The system's use in this fashion allows it to disseminate knowledge of a region and its people to others helping to improve relations between cities and countries.

Current US Original Classification (1):

705/27

Current US Cross Reference Classification (1):

705/26

CLAIMS:

1. In a system for shopping for goods and services, utilizing central communications facilities and remote communications facilities connected by communications links adapted to permit data communications between processors at remote and central communications facilities, wherein the central communications facilities have been regionally located branches of each other with input for remote facilities controlled by the central communications facilities, the improvement providing a system wherein customers can shop for cars, boats, motorcycles, vacations, travel packages, investments, furniture, real estate, service contracts, product warranties, entertainment, financial services, and other goods or services a customer might desire to price competitively, said improvement including:

means providing multiple competing central communications facilities offering a greater number of competing goods and services in order to increase competition;

means for storing in a database in each central communications facility data, graphics in the form of video and audio in the form of computerized voice and music, each relating to the competing goods and services being offered to the remote communications facility;

computer input means at each remote communications facility permitting customers at remote communications facilities to access the data, graphics and audio relative to the competing goods and services in the database at central communications facilities;

computer means enabling each central communications facility to transmit data, graphics, and audio relative to the competing goods and services to each remote communications facility from its database;

electronic and computing means at each remote communications facility enabling that facility to receive and download data, graphics, and audio relative to the competing goods and services thus transmitted;

hypertext application software for providing remote facility information relative to competing goods and services at various levels of detail;

means permitting the remote communications facility to access and browse different levels of the information;

means for recording a stopping point in the customer's browsing, and for using that stopping point to enable the customer to continue where he left off;

computer input means at each remote communications facility enabling a customer, after viewing the data, graphics, and audio relative to the competing goods and services, to electronically negotiate prices relative to the goods and services; and

means enabling each central communications facility to generate and transmit to the remote facility transaction necessary contracts and documents for any of financing, paying, and insuring, at prices, so negotiated, the competing goods and services.

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TITLE: Card system and methods utilizing collector cards

DATE-ISSUED: December 4, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: April 26, 1998

PARENT-CASE:

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/045,768, filed May 6, 1997.

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US-CL-CURRENT: 235/492; 235/375, 235/487

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 235/492, 235/380, 235/375, 235/387, 395/600

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ART-UNIT: 286

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Frech; Karl D.

ABSTRACT:

A card system and methods that encompass a card issuer entity and a plurality of service providers so as to automatically compile, issue, utilize, and process collector cards for the purpose of enjoyment, purchase of goods and services, and for the activation of other card-based privileges. The portable collector cards are realized by smart card technology and have the ability to compile and process collectible information, and store and use a monetary amount to simulate debit/credit card payment means. Biometrics identification of cardholders, as well as cryptographic certification of collectible card data and related information, can optionally be encoded onto the cards and can be verified and validated at various point-of-service locations upon presentation of the card for utilization, including for manipulation of collectible information, rendering of card-based services, and for communications of card data and database information.

49 Claims, 2 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 6168079

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TITLE: Customer information terminal system with a docking member for a data collection device

DATE-ISSUED: January 2, 2001

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Vanhorn; David B.	Columbia Station	OH		
Ramsey; Roger H.	Akron	OH		

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DATE FILED: June 6, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/668,343 filed Jun. 26, 1996 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,512.

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ART-UNIT: 286

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Le; Thien Minh

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Renner, Otto, Boiselle & Sklar, P.L.L.

ABSTRACT:

A customer information terminal system having a docking member for supporting a data collection device on a shopping cart, wall or the like. The docking member is dimensioned to receive the data collection device and allow for convenient storage thereof during and after use. The data collection device may take any number of forms, including a consumer assistant data terminal, a pen based data terminal, a scanning gun terminal or the like, and may communicate with a host computer system storing customer shopping data. The docking member may provide one or more degrees of movement, so that the data collection device may be situated in a convenient position. An interlock switch may also be provided to allow for the alternative selection of power sources. When the data collection device is located remote from the docking member, the interlock switch causes the device to be powered by an internal power source. When the data collection device is situated in the docking member the interlock switch causes the device to be powered by an external power source. In addition, the external power source can be used to charge the internal power source.

48 Claims, 19 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6091956 A

TITLE: Situation information system

DATE-ISSUED: July 18, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: June 12, 1997

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ART-UNIT: 275

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Vo; Nguyen

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Bhattacharya; Sam

ABSTRACT:

A wireless system for providing services and time-critical information about places and events to mobile computers and their users proximate to their current locations or potential destinations within enclosed areas, urban landscapes, and open areas, including travel distances and transit times, entertainment, merchants' messages, area attractions, communications, current locations of system users, and traffic congestion information and user-generated information from bar-coded objects and digital photographs of scenes and other materials. Included is a combination low-radiation dosage-reception handset for wireless communications which includes bar-code reader and digital camera peripheral devices for mobile computers, a bracket for interfacing a mobile computer with radio to external systems, and methods for improving the operations of computer reception, search, and display of such information for the edification, efficiency, and enjoyment of computer users.

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TITLE: Intranet scanning terminal system

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PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08/706,579 entitled "DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SECURE DATA UPDATES IN A SELF-CHECKOUT SYSTEM" filed on Sep. 5, 1996. U.S. Pat. No. 5,825,002, and is, related to pending U.S. patent application entitled "Portable Shopping System" filed on Dec. 20, 1996.

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 US-CL-CURRENT: 340/5.9; 235/383, 379/93.05, 707/10

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ART-UNIT: 275

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Habik; Michael

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ABSTRACT:

An improved portable terminal system is described employing linked data files to present related information on a configurable display device. The portable terminal uses a machine coded reader to read machine coded data on an item and to register such information in a corresponding collection file. The system retrieves associated data files and presents such files in the form of a link if such information is determined to be non-essential. Thus, non-essential data may be presented as optional available data which may be accessed with a simple election command.

2 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

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ABSTRACT:

A system is described in which a drug distribution center operates a computer software drug inventory management program in electronic communication with a health care provider computer software program for drug and health care supply distribution to patients. The system incorporates low unit dose measure drug and supply packaging including bar codes for automatically tracking drug information. The system further includes hand held drug information collection units for collecting the drug and supply information from the bar coded packages. The system provides complete drug and supply tracking from the drug supplier to a nursing station automated drug/supply dispensing machine.

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